

SENATE No. 1489

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to Improve Recycling Rates in the Commonwealth Through the Convenient Location of Receptacles.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| James B. Eldridge | Middlesex and Worcester |
| Michael J. Moran | 18th Suffolk |
| Denise Provost | 27th Middlesex |
| Jennifer M. Callahan | 18th Worcester |
| Thomas M. Stanley | 9th Middlesex |
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| Richard J. Ross | 9th Norfolk |
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO IMPROVE RECYCLING RATES IN THE COMMONWEALTH THROUGH THE CONVENIENT LOCATION OF RECEPTACLES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority
of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1: Chapter 94: Section 309. License; necessity; application; issuance; display; fees be
amended as follows:

When such vending machines contain beverages sold in any beverage container as defined Chapter 94:
Section 321, the applicant for said license as described in Section 309 shall cause the placement of a
receptacle of suitable size and material as determined by the commissioner of administration under the
provision of section three B of chapter seven. This receptacle shall be clearly indicated as for “recycling
of beverage containers”.

The licensee shall cause the recyclable contents of this receptacle to be transferred to appropriate
recycling facilities and done so with adequate frequency that contents of said receptacle do not protrude
above the highest point on said receptacle.

Said receptacle shall be located within no more than ten feet of the vending machine(s). In the case that
there are multiple vending machines, said receptacle may be located ten feet from the closest vending
machine in the group.

14 Failure to place said receptacle as described herein shall cause the revocation of the permit to operate said
15 vending machine. In the event that the receptacle's composition, placement, or size are determined by
16 other regulations and or statutes, making placement impossible, the license to operate the vending
17 machine must be revoked.